



Legislative Department Seattle City Council

City Council's 2010 Budget – Major Highlights

Human Services

- Homeless Services for homeless women - \$100,000 in one time funding for services for single homeless women, including day centers and shelters during difficult economic times; and \$50,000 in funding for tenant improvements at a new shelter for Mary's Place.
- Residential Recovery Program for Prostituted Youth - \$150,000 will launch a two-year pilot program that would provide dedicated shelter and residential recovery services to prostituted children. There are an estimated 300-500 such children in King County today and there are no dedicated programs to meet their unique needs.
- Established the Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities and provided funding for the staff needed to support this new commission.
- Restored \$26,000 in funding for a Senior Companionship Program.
- Restored \$186,000 in funding for Policy Advocacy Programs to benefit Seattle's poor – funds leverage county, state and federal funding for public benefits and safety net programs.
- Restored \$200,000 in funding for Capacity Building and Technical Assistance for Nonprofit Agencies and Access to Services Program that facilitates better access to services for vulnerable populations, including communities of color and sexual minorities.
- Restored \$40,000 in funding for community-based support systems for food banks and meal programs.

Public Safety, Criminal Justice & Youth Violence

- Public Safety and Human Services Programs – \$1 million+ to restore funding for the CURB, GOTS, and Co-STAR programs in 2010, which are designed to better link lower-level offenders with appropriate social services and rehabilitation support.
- Drug Market Initiative – added \$26,000 in funding for case management and outreach services needed to continue this pilot program.
- Continue funding to add 20 new police officers in 2010.
- Added \$7 million in funding to accelerate two neighborhood fire station projects (FS #20 and FS #21).

Library

- Library Funding Restoration of \$860,000 will reestablish a significant share of the operating hours that would have been lost. Relative to the original proposal from the

Mayor, this will increase from 6 to 12 the number of libraries that will be open seven days per week.

Technology

- Technology Matching Fund grant program – add \$50,000 (for total in 2010 of \$300,000) to increase access to electronic information and expand technology literacy.
- Open Data Initiative – provide \$40,000 to begin process of migrating public city data to open format for public use.
- “Apps for Seattle” Contest – provide \$20,000 to call upon local web developers and the general public to create innovative applications, websites, and tools using the city’s open data sets.

Transportation

- Increased funding by \$1.5 million in 2011 for Linden Avenue North Complete Streets Project and accelerated completion schedule to 2012.

Neighborhoods/Neighborhood Planning

- Restored funding for Historic Preservation Staffing.
- Directed Executive to undertake two new neighborhood plan updates and create a more expansive and community-driven process.

Bolstering the Rainy Day Fund

- Reduction of over \$2.5 million in discretionary spending that will provide additional funding for the Revenue Stabilization Account (Rainy Day Fund) to provide further buffer for 2011 budget.
- Council’s actions will add \$5.2 million to the Rainy Day Fund, bringing the new total to \$10.5 million.
- Restructuring and streamlining of central policy office to provide necessary staff support in a more cost effective manner.

City Light and Seattle Public Utilities (SPU)

- Took the necessary rate action to provide increased financial security to City Light, at a time when falling energy prices have significantly damaged the utility’s bottom line (13.8 percent increase).
- Restored approximately \$1 million in funding for City Light’s highly cost-effective energy conservation programs.
- Increased drainage rates by 1.96 percent and wastewater rates by 1.02 percent to support city compliance with the federal Clean Water Act and construct important flood-reduction, water quality, and infrastructure rehabilitation projects.